

Newsflash

Wensleydale Junior Football League Annual General Meeting held Catterick Village 15th July 2013.

The League should be congratulated having just attained Charter Standard League Status. Neither the Teesside Junior Football Alliance nor the Scarborough Minor League has such status at the time of writing

It is expected to have about 10 teams entered 2013/14 at Under 10's and Under 12's and perhaps 9 at Under 14's. No new clubs are expected to participate and Richmond Town will not be playing.

There will be tournaments for the Under 8's but the Under 10's, 12's and 14's will move to a 3 part season falling in line with the recent Football Association Youth Development Review. Again, our League is leading the way on this within North Riding.

September/ November – Development Football

Playing proper matches with recorded (not published) results but no league table with a view to developing all players. Results will be used for “banding” which will be used in the third part of the season to aid teams in their competitive matches at a suitable level.

December/ February

Futsal played indoors at Catterick Garrison and Richmond School still on a Sunday morning. This will mean more football played during the winter in smaller groups. There will be trophies. NRCFA have generously offered a grant towards the cost of this.

March/May

“Banded” football in a competitive League plus the usual cups. There will be a coaches meeting before then to work out the details.

There will be a more formal registration process requiring photos and production of evidence of date of birth. We will therefore have a signing on day, probably in August and will arrange to have a photographer present to take the photos. This does not mean that a player who is away will not be able to play next season but we will register as many as we can on the day.

Richmond School

There has, for some years been a perception by both boys and parents that Richmond School discriminates against 2Dales players in favour of Richmond Town players. Following a discussion with Jamie Pover of the County FA, I e-mailed Tony Potter, Leader of Sport Leisure and Community at Richmond School and I have now had the benefit of a long telephone discussion with Tony. Any element of discrimination is strongly denied and Tony has clearly looked into the matter at some length. He is fully aware of our concerns and this will be monitored in future. If any Richmond School parent has any concerns next season, they should contact Tony at apotter@richmondschool.net. We all want to move forward and get the best for our players.